

9/24/2024

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

From: [Paul Schilling](#)
To: [Joan Seaman](#); [Rebecca Dima](#); [Clyde Dulin](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT REQUEST
Date: Monday, September 9, 2024 8:00:10 AM

Paul Schilling
Director
Growth Management Department
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
772-288-5473

From: loydb <loydb@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2024 3:41 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>
Subject: URGENT REQUEST



LPA board : Please do not recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve or reject any amendments to our Comprehensive Plan until newly elected Commissioners are seated and more study and evaluation can be accomplished on behalf of the Citizens.

Sincerely,
Walter Loyd
150 SW Cabana Point Circle
Stuart, Fl. 34994

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Kate Miller](#)
To: [Paul Schilling](#); [Cornish](#)
Subject: no amendments to the comp plan.! No sneaking amendments in over the summer!
Date: Saturday, August 10, 2024 11:24:27 AM

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The comp plan has made Martin County a paradise for those who live there. You are making it a developers' paradise. We will remember at election time. Katharine Miller, 103 River Rd, Hobe Sound, FL 33455



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September 10, 2024

Mr. Paul Schilling
Growth Management Director
Martin County Administrative Center
2401 SE Monterey Rd
Stuart, FL, 34994

Subject: CPA 24–11 Potable Water Services

Dear Mr. Schilling:

The Guardians of Martin County appreciate the efforts of staff and consultants to make improvements to Chapter 11 of the Comprehensive Plan as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report process. We have reviewed the proposed Amendments and offer the following comments:

Section 11.2.D. Issues in potable water management. Water issues emerging from current conditions in Martin County, are as follows (not in priority order): ...

A water-quality related issue that has emerged since the last EAR process is an increasing knowledge and awareness of the detrimental health-related effects of Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid substances (PFOS) and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

It is the Guardians' understanding that Martin County is not currently engaged in systematic testing for PFOS and PFAS in the supply of potable water that the County provides to the customers of the County's utilities. It is additionally our understanding that there is no testing for PFOS and PFAS in the Irrigation Quality (IQ) water that is disseminated from the County's wastewater treatment system for irrigation use throughout our community.

There is an ever-increasing scientific and legal (see City of Stuart v 3M Co., City of Camden v. 3M Co.) database regarding the potential adverse impacts of these substances on human health. The Guardians believe that this is significant enough of an issue that it merits being added as an additional item (9) in Section 11.2.D, and we suggest the following:

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11.2.D.(9). Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid substances (PFOS) and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been increasing known to cause adverse health effects in humans, and testing for these substance is not currently performed in Martin County by the State of Florida, Martin County or any of the other public utilities for potable water and Irrigation Quality (IQ) water that is supplied by Martin County's utilities.

After identifying this emerging issue in Section 112.D, the Guardians request that this subject also be addressed in a new Policy, under Goal 11.1 and Objective 11.1A as follows:

Policy 11.1A.1 new (5) Development and implementation of a testing/monitoring protocol to determine the concentrations, if any, of PFOS and PFAS in waters being supplied to customers of Martin County's Utilities.

If testing for PFOS and PFAS in the County's water supply reveals that corrective action is warranted to protect human health, and if such corrective actions require funding as a Capital Improvement Project, the Guardians request that Policy 11.1A.3 be amended, if necessary.

Please distribute this correspondence to the members of the Local Planning Agency, existing County Commissioners, Commissioners-elect, and the TCRPC consultant, and add it into the Record for Comp Plan Amendment # 24-11.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions and/or your consultants would like to discuss any of these suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me at (561)-758-3417, by e-mail at ExecDirector@theguardiansofmartincounty.com or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

D. Greg Braun

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Executive Director
The Guardians of Martin County

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From: [Clyde Dulin](#)
To: [Joan Seaman](#)
Cc: [Samantha Lovelady](#); [Paul Schilling](#)
Subject: FW: Comments for 9/12/24 LPA Meeting
Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 2:52:48 PM

This public comment can be attached to each Plan amendment on the 9-12-24 LPA agenda. Thanks.

From: Denise Belizar <wridea@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:16 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>; Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>
Cc: Commissioners <Commissioners@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Comments for 9/12/24 LPA Meeting



I request that my remarks below be included in the public comments at the aforementioned meeting. Thank you.

- Continuing amendments to our County's comprehensive plan to accommodate more "Rural Lifestyle" changes are uncalled for and are being rushed through without adequate time for public review and comment. There is no need to rush these changes through at this time. What is being hidden here, and why?
- Why are the "golf cottages" being proposed to double in occupancy? Wasn't the original plan for these cottages only recently submitted to begin with? What has changed to necessitate this request?
- What happened to the promise that the Rural Lifestyle change was a one-time-only thing?
- I strongly oppose the drive to ram these four amendments through so quickly, and request that they be tabled for now so that they can be explained in detail in a public forum. Martin County residents deserve to be informed about what these amendments mean, what they will cost, and how they will affect our county's lifestyle, economy and environment.

denise belizar
wridea@aol.com
772-971-0430

Maria Harrison

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 5:24 PM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: Public Hearings on 9/24 and 10/22 must be delayed

From: carol quackenbos <cquackenbos@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 4:34 PM
To: Commish@martin.fl.us; Sarah Heard <sheard@martin.fl.us>; eciampi@martin.fl.us; Doug Smith <dsmith@martin.fl.us>; Harold Jenkins <hjenkins@martin.fl.us>; hetheringtonstacey@martin.fl.us; Sarah Woods <swoods@martin.fl.us>; Don Donaldson <ddonalds@martin.fl.us>; Kimberlee Levee <klevee@martin.fl.us>; Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>; Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>; Samantha Lovelady <slove@martin.fl.us>
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Sincerely,

Carol Quackenbos

Stuart resident

Maria Harrison

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 10:21 AM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: Urgent assistance needed

From: L Meadows <pebblept@me.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 10:15 AM
To: Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>
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Lise' Meadows

Martin county resident- lost lake

8272 Se Paurotis lane

Hobe sound, FL 33455

Rebecca Dima

From: Paul Schilling
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Clyde Dulin; Samantha Lovelady; Rebecca Dima
Subject: FW: Urgent assistance needed

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Maria Harrison

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 10:28 AM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: Delay Sept. 24 and October 22 Public Hearings for Comp Plan Changes

From: Denise Belizar <wridea@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 10:22 AM
To: Sarah Heard <sheard@martin.fl.us>; Stacey Hetherington <shetherington@martin.fl.us>; Edward Ciampi <eciampi@martin.fl.us>; Doug Smith <dsmith@martin.fl.us>; Harold Jenkins <hjenkins@martin.fl.us>; Sarah Woods <swoods@martin.fl.us>; Don Donaldson <dtonalds@martin.fl.us>; Kimberlee Levee <klevee@martin.fl.us>; Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>; Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>; Samantha Lovelady <slove@martin.fl.us>; commish@martin.fl.us
Subject: Delay Sept. 24 and October 22 Public Hearings for Comp Plan Changes

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As Martin County residents for over two decades, we have valued the guidance that our county's well-thought-out Comprehensive Plan has placed on growth, and the protection that has meant for our environmental resources. It has truly resulted in the Martin County difference.

While some changes to the Comp Plan over time have been necessary, we are dismayed to see the extent to which its provisions have been eroded – or attempted to be eroded – in recent years. The latest proposed changes could greatly negatively impact our population density, environment, waterways, scarce resources and overall quality of life. There needs to be a more detailed examination of each change to ensure that it is both necessary and the optimal solution to the current situation.

We implore the sitting Martin County commissioners to do the right thing and delay the Sept 24 and Oct. 22 public hearings for comprehensive plan amendments, zoning changes, and a variance until the new commission is seated.

To be frank, the voters have already spoken in choosing to select new commissioners who have promised to be extremely judicious in making any revisions to our Comp Plan. To rush ahead with these changes prior to the new commissioners being seated is insulting to and dismissive of your voting public. It reeks of disingenuous, deceitful politics. You are better than that. At least, we hope you are.

Please delay the Sept 24 and Oct. 22 public hearings until the new commission is seated.

Denise and Ed Belizar
Jensen Beach residents

Maria Harrison

From: Stacey McKindles
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 9:27 AM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: Next County Commission Meeting Ashley Capital / Martin Commerce Park

Please see email below. Let me know if there is anything you need me to help with.

Stacey

From: Edward Ciampi <eciampi@martin.fl.us>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2024 7:54 PM
To: Stacey McKindles <comaide5@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Fwd: Next County Commission Meeting Ashley Capital / Martin Commerce Park

Please forward this email to growth management to be added to the record.
Thank you

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jess Griffin <jessjgi@yahoo.com>
Date: September 22, 2024 at 5:22:19 PM EDT
To: Edward Ciampi <eciampi@martin.fl.us>, Stacey McKindles <comaide5@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Next County Commission Meeting Ashley Capital / Martin Commerce Park

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Ed,

I hope you are well and truthfully glad you got reelected. I am writing out of pure frustration. The last time I contacted you with this sentiment was 5 plus years ago relating to the pigeon issues with Stuart West BOD and my former neighbor. You were at least open to listening and offering comments and coming out to survey the situation, which was much appreciated personally.

I have been following and attending all meetings I was aware of both on a community level and the most recent LPA meeting relating to the subject line. My beef is not with Ashley Capital, it is with the staff, and communications or lack of from the county government.

First of all, I contacted by both email and phone numerous times to get on the blast list relating to this project. It never happened even though I finally had a conversation with a Lady in Growth management several months ago confirming I was on the list. This was not in fact true. One resident of SW managed to get some notification from someone and proceeded to let our community know about the LPA meeting last week just a few days before the meeting. This may have been worked on with Ashley but there has been little/no communication from the staff for the rest of us. There has been zero communication from growth management to the residents interested without any advance notice. I received a copy of the March staff report not from an official communication, and had dig to get a copy of the latest proposed changes to text amendments in the last 10 days. We should not have to take a special technology course just to get on the county's system and be properly notified. I was an interested party from Day 1.

I used the 3 minute public comments section at the LPA meeting. I also asked if the meeting was going to be recorded. As of Sunday late afternoon it has not been posted, and it is on the Agenda for Tuesday morning. Many people were not able to attend, likely because of the horrible weather we had Thursday. The fact you as a county commission are going to take this up when no one in the public has had a chance to review anything is not right.

I personally think the number of Free Standing Urban Service Districts that have been approved recently in this area, with Martin Highway and road access limited to two lanes with only one small section of road to Citrus (a distance of 4.5 miles) have any turn out lanes is a complete abdication and dereliction of the county government's duty. For 5 plus years we have had to deal with gridlock and constant construction along 714 from the new bridge to Citrus. There are 48 areas to access Martin Highway from Citrus to I 95. The traffic issues are going to be much worse because the other areas under construction for the last 5 years did not have that many access points. With the amount of traffic currently this is problematic most weekdays for multiple hours of the day already. All the county staff and LPA want to focus on Water and Sewer. There has not been ANY focus on the most critical infrastructure need TRANSPORTATION and ROADS, which should really be taking place proactively with both the state and county governments. My sense is whether growth management, LPA or the County attorney that attended, they all want to check the boxes on a punch list. No one is taking even a remotely big picture perspective on this matter except for one current LPA member. Someone has to do it and if they are in the Government they need to communicate it effectively with the residents.

I am not fan of what has happened in St Lucie County but they at least had some good sense in building four lanes (plus turnouts) before they started building everything out on Village Parkway between Tradition and Becker Road. When brought up at the LPA meeting the comments were "we need a comprehensive plan". We actually have one already. The county needs to quit granting all these exceptions without anything close to adequate infrastructure in place. I personally see the current abuse of the Free Standing Urban Service District similarly to States passing Medical Marijuana laws and then people find a doctor to write scripts like candy to those seeking it. I do not want to see Martin turn into Broward and Palm Beach. I live in those areas for over 20 years before moving here almost 17 years ago. I am afraid if someone does not take a principled stand in County government my greatest fears in this area will become reality.

I plan on attending the Commission meeting and will try to address some other points in my 3 minutes. I wanted to at least communicate some prior. Feel free to forward this to other members of the County Commission and Growth Management or have it posted on the Comments section.

Thanks you for your consideration in advance.

Jess Griffin

Maria Harrison

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 8:42 AM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: Sept 24 Public Hearing

From: Mary Starzinski <marystarkp@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2024 3:43 PM
To: Commish@martin.fl.us; Don Donaldson <ddonalds@martin.fl.us>; Kimberlee Levee <klevee@martin.fl.us>; Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>; Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>; Samantha Lovelady <slove@martin.fl.us>
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The citizens say: 1) No to changes in the Comp Plan, 2) Control growth and development, 3) Protect and preserve wildlife, waterways, native vegetation and agricultural lands, 4) Reduce traffic congestion 5) Maintain the Martin County difference.

The above are the guidelines the new commissioners have promised to follow. These guidelines must be meticulously applied to each and all of the proposed comp plan amendments. Some of the upcoming proposals encourage costly urban sprawl with its consummate environment, water, and neighborhood zoning area destruction.

Please do NOT push forward with these Martin-busting votes. It would be an improper attempt to silence the voices of residents who have clearly spoken.

Respectfully,
Drs. Mary Starzinski and Kathy Petteruti

Maria Harrison

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 8:42 AM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: Sept. 24, 2024 Public hearing

From: Barbara Schmucker <barbaraschmucker@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2024 3:07 PM
To: commish@martin.fl.us; Stacey Hetherington <shetherington@martin.fl.us>; Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>; Doug Smith <dsmith@martin.fl.us>; Edward Ciampi <eciampi@martin.fl.us>; Harold Jenkins <hjenkins@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Sept. 24, 2024 Public hearing

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We are opposed to all the Amendments and Zoning Protections, that Change the Current Comprehensive Plan:

At the Public workshops hosted by the T.C. Regional Planning Council. the majority of attendees said they wanted
no changes that govern growth and development in the County
we want the established protection of preserves, wildlife, open spaces and agricultural land.
we need reduction in traffic congestion

The Regional Planning Council at the costly of \$100,000 recommended to the Sept. 24th meeting just the Opposite!!

It is obvious that these changes at the Sept. 24th meeting are being "railroaded" through before the 2 New Commissioners have a chance to Vote. Mr. Ciampi actually lost his election if you compare the votes for his opponents.

One of the most outrageous amendments concerns the addition of 12 "Cottages" to the new Golf Course plan that originally in their application, said there would be no housing. Now from 6 to 12; when does it stop

It is imperative that this Public Hearing be postponed until November or December when there is appropriate time for Resident's to speak at the meeting.

Respectfully,
Barbara Gingras-Schmucker
John McArdle
3130 SE Indian Wells Place
Stuart, Fl. 34997

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Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 9:35 AM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: September 24, 2024 Public Hearings

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Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 3:54 PM
To: Joan Seaman <jseaman@martin.fl.us>
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From: Renee Delahunty <rml111@aol.com>
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To: Samantha Lovelady
Subject: Stop the Rush to Crush

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Any discussion regarding comprehensive plan amendments, zoning changes, and a variance should be delayed until the newly elected commission is seated.

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Samantha Lovelady

From: Janet Jorden <jjorden@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 4:23 PM
To: Commish@martin.fl.us; Sarah Heard; eciampi@martin.fl.us; Doug Smith; Harold Jenkins; hetheringtonstacey@martin.fl.us; Sarah Woods; Don Donaldson; Kimberlee Levee; Clyde Dulin; Paul Schilling; Samantha Lovelady
Subject: Packed Agendas

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The only reason I am able to think of for packing the Commission's agendas prior to the new commissioners taking their place on the dais is an effort to hurry through unwanted amendments.

We, the voters, have made our wishes very clear both through public meetings and at the ballot box. I strongly urge the commissioners to table all votes on Comp plan amendments, zoning changes and a variance until the new commissioners are seated. There is not an ethical reason for all of these votes to be taking place at warp speed.

Sincerely,

Janet Jorden
5299 SE Horseshoe Point Rd
Stuart, FL

Clyde Dulin

From: Donna S. Melzer <donnasmelzer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 4:58 AM
To: Commish@martin.fl.us; Sarah Heard; eciampi@matin.fl.us; Doug Smith; Harold Jenkins; hetheringtonstacey@martin.fl.us; Sarah Woods; Don Donaldson; Kimberlee Levee; Clyde Dulin; Paul Schilling; Samantha Lovelady
Subject: Sept. 24 Public Hearings on Comp Plan changes, zoning changes, variance

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To: Commissioners Heard, Ciampi, Herthington, Jenkins, Smith
From: Donna Melzer, Martin County Resident
Re: Sept. 24, 2024 Public Hearings -- Request for rescheduling

Please reschedule the Public Hearings on the Comp Plan Protection changes, Zoning changes, and the variance to after the new Commissioners take office. Take the interim time to educate the new Commissioners on these important issues.

Martin County residents/voters have repeatedly stated that they do not want changes that weaken our Comp Plan protections and our Martin County difference. This was the most commonly expressed item on the wish list that staff asked citizens to compile.

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Those are guidelines the new commissioners have promised to follow. Those guidelines need to be carefully applied to each of the proposed comp plan amendments; instead some proposals encourage costly urban sprawl, and add negative impacts to our environment, our natural habitat and species, our waters including waterways, aquifers, and potable water, The zoning changes have similar issues including neighborhood zoning protections.

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For the record, I oppose the approval at this time of the Comp Plan Amendments proposed in PH-1 Ch. 2, PH-2, Ch8, PH-3 Ch 9, PH-4 Ch 10, PH-5 Ch11, PH-6 Ch 12, PH-7 Ch 13, PH-8 & PH-9 Martin Commons, PH-10 Three Lakes, and oppose PH-11 Zoning changes, PH on Variance. While some changes are ministerial, some have impacts not reviewed. For example, PH-8 and PH-9 have grave impacts on our urban boundary protections overall that are not disclosed, considered or discussed. Not covered by the Staff Report or the Application is that a "free standing urban boundary" creates a new boundary for Rural Lifestyle eligibility for thousands more acres of urban sprawl "600' adjacent" to this new urban service district, both to the east and west.. The "need" claimed for more industrial is contradicted by vacant AgTEC and unbuilt Newfield non-residential acreage. Past issues of interchange industrial at the SR76 exit brought up issues of truck stops and crime issues.

Residents want to strengthen, not weaken, protections and have voted accordingly. The new Commission should consider these proposals line by line with the public and that takes time. Sept. 24 and Oct. 22 scheduled public

hearings on the Comp Plan, zoning, and variance should be rescheduled so you can fully "hear" the Public, not just tune us out..

Science is advancing and more thorough evaluation needs to be made regarding issues of water supply and our aquifer and costs moving forward, flooding issues, wetlands protections and aquifer recharge especially when the Florida wetlands issue is in the Courts, climate change and resiliency, truth in budgeting and who pays for all of the growth is lacking. Clearly with all of the approvals granted over the last years including big projects like Newfield and Harmony and Discovery, and... no rush is needed. While applicants have rights, so do residents.

These Public Hearings should be delayed. The time allotted both on Sept. 24 and Oct. 22 are not adequate. Additionally, the residents/voters have spoken and these important issues should be voted on by the New Commission.

Sincerely,

Donna Melzer, Martin County resident

Clyde Dulin

From: P S <sunshine50@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 9:42 AM
To: Clyde Dulin
Subject: Fwd: Comp Plan Changes

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Begin forwarded message:

From: P S <sunshine50@bellsouth.net>
Date: September 19, 2024 at 9:37:48 AM EDT
To: Commish@martin.fl.us
Subject: **Comp Plan Changes**

Understanding that those who are leaving office may not care or be affected directly by their vote on this issue, why the need to rush! The people have spoken loudly on this issue many times over the years and spoke again in this last election. As more out of state residents come to Martin County, you should be supporting what has made is so great to begin with... the local long, time residents and their voice. Do not ruin what makes Martin County different in an effort to compete for growth and sprawl... keep our comp plan the way it is and prove we are different and this is why people want to come and live here, not to change what it is!!

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Sincerely,

Patty

Native Floridian and long time Martin resident.

Maria Harrison

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:12 AM
To: Paul Schilling; Maria Harrison; Samantha Lovelady; Joan Seaman
Subject: FW: Wait on the vote please

I recommend we print these emails and put them on the dais for next Tuesday. That way we can scan and file instead of struggling with PDF.

From: cwieds@gmail.com <cwieds@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:06 AM
To: Commish@martin.fl.us; Sarah Heard <sheard@martin.fl.us>; eciampi@matin.fl.us; Doug Smith <dsmith@martin.fl.us>; Harold Jenkins <hjenkins@martin.fl.us>; hetheringtonstacey@martin.fl.us; Sarah Woods <swoods@martin.fl.us>; Don Donaldson <ddonalds@martin.fl.us>; Kimberlee Levee <klevee@martin.fl.us>; Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>; Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>; Samantha Lovelady <slove@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Wait on the vote please

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Yes this is a formatted email, but I do believe you need to wait on the vote until the new elected group is able to vote.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Chris and Anne Wiedenmayer

6322 SE Morning Dove Way, Hobe Sound 33455

Paul Schilling

From: Candy Hile <cancay3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:14 PM
To: Paul Schilling
Subject: Growing Slowly

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Sincerely,

Candy Hile

Sent from my  PAD!

Samantha Lovelady

From: Candy Hile <cancay3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:18 PM
To: Samantha Lovelady
Subject: Slow the Growth

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Maria Harrison

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 9:33 AM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 9:17 AM
To: Joan Seaman <jseaman@martin.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

From: dm5855@icloud.com <dm5855@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 12:24 PM
To: Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

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Sincerely,

Charles Marshall

3615 NE Skyline Drive

Jensen Beach, FL 34957

772-206-1191

Samantha Lovelady

From: dm5855@icloud.com
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 12:29 PM
To: Samantha Lovelady
Subject: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

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From: Sabrina Roemisch <sabroemisch@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 3:06 PM
To: Commish@martin.fl.us; Sarah Heard; eciampi@matin.fl.us; Doug Smith; Harold Jenkins; hetheringtonstacey@martin.fl.us; Sarah Woods; Don Donaldson; Kimberlee Levee; Clyde Dulin; Paul Schilling; Samantha Lovelady
Subject: Hearings for comprehensive plan amendments

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Sincerely,

Sabrina Glover
Martin County Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Maria Harrison

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 9:34 AM
To: Maria Harrison
Subject: FW: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

From: Clyde Dulin
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 9:19 AM
To: Joan Seaman <jseaman@martin.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

From: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 3:39 PM
To: Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

Paul Schilling
Director
Growth Management Department
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From: Sarah Woods <swoods@martin.fl.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 3:35 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>
Cc: Elysse Elder <eelder@martin.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

Sarah W. Woods
County Attorney
Martin County Attorney's Office
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996
772-288-5446 (o) 772-288-5439 (f)

From: dm5855@icloud.com <dm5855@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 12:17 PM
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Subject: Public hearings 9/24/2024 & 10/22/2024

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From: ALLEN ATKINSON <4starfire@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:08 PM
To: Commish@martin.fl.us; Sarah Heard; eciampi@matin.fl.us; Doug Smith; Harold Jenkins; Sarah Woods; Don Donaldson; Kimberlee Levee; Paul Schilling; Samantha Lovelady
Subject: Not to Rush

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Sincerely,

Allen and Pat Atkinson

From: [Paul Schilling](#)
To: [Joan Seaman](#); [Rebecca Dima](#); [Samantha Lovelady](#); [Clyde Dulin](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Land Use Change: Ashley Capital
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024 3:36:08 PM

Paul Schilling
Director
Growth Management Department
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
772-288-5473

From: E Ortiz <enortiz30@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 1:35 PM
To: Comish <Comish@martin.fl.us>; Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Proposed Land Use Change: Ashley Capital



Dear Commissioners and Mr. Schilling,

I'm writing today to express my objection to a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Growth Management plan, that will be forthcoming from Ashley Capital, regarding property on the SE corner of I95/Martin Hwy (CR714), and their proposal to transform that area that is currently zoned as residential (AR-5A), and Agricultural, into a commercial industrial park (Martin Commerce Park). The Application is CPA 23-09 and CPA 23-10.

We are residents of Stuart West since 2014. I, like many neighbors, specifically bought in this area of the county due to the rural nature, and the fact that surrounding land was zoned in a way that would maintain this. I stand firm that this proposed project is inconsistent with our community, which was here first, and inconsistent with the currently approved land use and zoning. Myself and many in my neighborhood also have significant concerns about negative impacts to our property values if this project comes to fruition.

There is a large contingent of residents in both the Stuart West and Cobblestone communities that share the same concerns, and we will be prepared to fight this project as much as possible.

I urge you to consider the best interest of your constituents over the desire of a capital investment firm and deny the land use change. Martin County residents love this county and the way that it was planned and do not want to see it become overpopulated and overcommercialized.

Thank you all for your service, and your time.

Sincerely,
Erika Ortiz
900 SW San Antonio Drive
Palm City, FL 34990

From: [Paul Schilling](#)
To: [Joan Seaman](#); [Rebecca Dima](#); [Samantha Lovelady](#); [Clyde Dulin](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed zoning change across from Stuart West on 714
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024 7:46:40 AM

Paul Schilling
Director
Growth Management Department
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
772-288-5473

From: Kyle Romero <kyle.e.romero@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:33 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>; Comish <Comish@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Proposed zoning change across from Stuart West on 714



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My wife and I moved to Martin County a little over a year ago and we specifically chose the community of Stuart West due to the rural atmosphere like many of our neighbors as well as our neighbors in the Cobblestone community. This proposed project is highly inconsistent with its current zoning and would have serious impacts to our communities which would include but not be limited to noise, traffic, and property values. My wife and I will be extremely upset if the zoning is changed and this commercial industrial park is to be built. We understand change is inevitable and that Martin County is growing, but in the short time that we've been here it seems to have exploded. I commute daily to Tradition and am saddened with each passing day at the destruction of the natural land to build more and more homes, businesses, and industrial parks and displacing the natural wildlife. As stated previously, we specifically moved to the western portion of Martin County due to its rural nature and I really don't want to see Martin County follow in St. Lucie County's footsteps and this zoning change is one step closer. I love getting off at exit 110 and seeing nature and not industrial parks, warehouses, and gas stations. This is what makes Martin County beautiful and I hope it continues to stay that way.

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow but I urge you to seriously consider the impacts of allowing this proposed zoning change as it will not only affect the local landscape and wildlife, but the community and Martin County as a whole, as well as the ~400 people who will be affected the greatest who love our beautiful communities of Stuart West and Cobblestone.

Thank you for your service as well as consideration on this very important matter.

Kyle & Erin Romero
10200 SW Tarzan Terrace
Palm City, 34990



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September 17, 2024

Mr. Paul Schilling
Growth Management Director
Martin County Administrative Center
2401 SE Monterey Rd
Stuart, FL, 34994

Subject: Proposed Martin Commerce Center; CPA Text, FLUM and Rezoning

Dear Mr. Schilling:

When the Rural Lifestyle Zoning Code was approved by the Martin County Commission in September 2022, it was the understanding of the Guardians of Martin County that the approval was based on the County's agreement to complete a study of "the western lands".

The Guardians have reviewed the information provided associated with the Comprehensive Plan Amendments that would be necessary for approval of the proposed Martin Commerce Center, including the Text Amendment, the Future Land Use Amendment and the re-zoning of the property. Without the study of the western lands having been completed, the Guardians believe that it would be premature to approve the development of the Martin Commerce Center. It is miles from the existing Primary and Secondary Urban Service District boundaries, and we believe that orderly development in the western lands should be the result of a comprehensive study, not based on a sequence of approvals of free-standing Urban Service Districts.

In the absence of a new study by Martin County, the Guardians have contracted with the University of Florida's Center for Landscape Conservation Planning and 1000 Friends of Florida to perform a study on Martin County's western lands. We anticipate holding a public meeting in early December to describe the project and seek input from the community.

Please distribute this correspondence to the members of the Local Planning Agency, existing County Commissioners, and Commissioners-elect, and add it into the record for NPH-1, NPH-2, and the rezoning request for the Martin Commerce Park.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Guardians position, please feel free to reach out to me at (561)-758-3417, by e-mail at ExecDirector@theguardiansofmartincounty.com or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

D. Greg Braun

D. Greg Braun
Executive Director

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From: [Paul Schilling](#)
To: [Joan Seaman](#); [Rebecca Dima](#); [Clyde Dulin](#)
Subject: FW: Email
Date: Monday, September 16, 2024 7:50:22 AM

Paul Schilling
Director
Growth Management Department
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
772-288-5473

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Christian <ejanechristian01@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2024 6:35 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Email

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Please include my email in any comments . I am not for rural changes of any kind!
Sent from my iPhone

Clyde Dulin

From: Paul Schilling
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 5:16 PM
To: Joan Seaman; Rebecca Dima; Clyde Dulin
Subject: FW: LPA running roughshod over citizen input

Paul Schilling
Director
Growth Management Department
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
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From: brucemon12 <brucemon12@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 4:56 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>
Subject: LPA running roughshod over citizen input

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The text amendments to the comp plan have ZERO INPUT FROM RESIDENTS. NOT FAIR!!! Golf cottages can have 12 bedrooms per cottage? Motel 12??? Rural Lifestyle designation expansion without citizen input is NOT FAIR. We demand our voices and objections be accounted for.

Bruce Montefusco
Hobe Sound

From: [Paul Schilling](#)
To: [Joan Seaman](#); [Rebecca Dima](#); [Clyde Dulin](#)
Subject: FW: LPA Mtg. Thursday, September 12, 2024 7pm
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 3:51:47 PM

Paul Schilling
Director
Growth Management Department
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
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From: Barbara Schmucker <barbaraschmucker@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 3:40 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>
Subject: LPA Mtg. Thursday, September 12, 2024 7pm



Let it me Known That:

We object to the expansion of the Urban Services Boundary.

We further object to the expansion of the "cottages" at the Three Lakes Golf Course.

We also object to the results of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council on the principal that the entire proposal is not understandable.

We have 2 newly elected Commissioners and feel that they should have some in these future developments.

Barbara Schmucker
John R. McArdle, Jr.
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From: [Clyde Dulin](#)
To: [Joan Seaman](#)
Cc: [Samantha Lovelady](#); [Paul Schilling](#)
Subject: FW: Comments for 9/12/24 LPA Meeting
Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 2:52:48 PM

This public comment can be attached to each Plan amendment on the 9-12-24 LPA agenda. Thanks.

From: Denise Belizar <wridea@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 1:16 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>; Clyde Dulin <cdulin@martin.fl.us>
Cc: Commissioners <Commissioners@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Comments for 9/12/24 LPA Meeting



I request that my remarks below be included in the public comments at the aforementioned meeting. Thank you.

- Continuing amendments to our County's comprehensive plan to accommodate more "Rural Lifestyle" changes are uncalled for and are being rushed through without adequate time for public review and comment. There is no need to rush these changes through at this time. What is being hidden here, and why?
- Why are the "golf cottages" being proposed to double in occupancy? Wasn't the original plan for these cottages only recently submitted to begin with? What has changed to necessitate this request?
- What happened to the promise that the Rural Lifestyle change was a one-time-only thing?
- I strongly oppose the drive to ram these four amendments through so quickly, and request that they be tabled for now so that they can be explained in detail in a public forum. Martin County residents deserve to be informed about what these amendments mean, what they will cost, and how they will affect our county's lifestyle, economy and environment.

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September 9, 2024

Mr. Paul Schilling
Growth Management Director
Martin County Administrative Center
2401 SE Monterey Rd
Stuart, FL, 34994

Subject: CPA 24-10; Sanitary Sewer Services

Dear Mr. Schilling:

The Guardians of Martin County appreciate the efforts of staff and consultants to make improvements to Chapter 10 of the Comprehensive Plan as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report process. We have reviewed the proposed Amendments and offer the following comments:

Section 10.1.A (final paragraph)

Until such time as all areas of all Community Redevelopment Areas have full Sanitary Sewer Services, the Guardians request that this paragraph not be deleted. It is our opinion that providing sewer services within the CRAs is a higher priority than extending services to other areas within the Urban Service Districts and areas outside the USD.

Policy 10.1B.5 Residential Levels of Service (Un-numbered Table)

Wastewater Treatment Systems are designed to treat pathogens, but have minimal effects on nutrient concentrations, which are a leading cause of the deterioration of waters in Martin County. The Guardians would like an explanation of why current Level of Service of 100 gallons per capita per day, for both residential and non-residential purposes, should be increased to 195 gpd.

Please distribute this correspondence to the members of the Local Planning Agency, existing County Commissioners, Commissioners-elect, and the TCRPC consultant, and add it into the Record for NPH-2, Comp Plan Amendment # 24-10.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions and/or your consultants would like to discuss any of these suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me at (561)-758-3417, by e-mail at ExecDirector@theguardiansofmartincounty.com or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

D. Greg Braun

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Executive Director

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From: [Paul Schilling](#)
To: [Joan Seaman](#); [Rebecca Dima](#); [Clyde Dulin](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT REQUEST
Date: Monday, September 9, 2024 8:00:10 AM

Paul Schilling
Director
Growth Management Department
Martin County Board of County Commissioners
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From: loydb <loydb@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2024 3:41 PM
To: Paul Schilling <pschilli@martin.fl.us>
Subject: URGENT REQUEST



LPA board : Please do not recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve or reject any amendments to our Comprehensive Plan until newly elected Commissioners are seated and more study and evaluation can be accomplished on behalf of the Citizens.

Sincerely,
Walter Loyd
150 SW Cabana Point Circle
Stuart, Fl. 34994

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [sarah heard](#)
To: [Sarah Heard](#)
Subject: Fwd: More Comp Plan Amendments headed to LPA
Date: Saturday, August 10, 2024 3:42:21 PM



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From: Virginia Sherlock <vsherlock@lshlaw.net>
Date: Sat, Aug 10, 2024 at 10:59 AM
Subject: More Comp Plan Amendments headed to LPA
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Still more massive changes to the Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan will be presented to the Local Planning Agency on Thursday, with staff proposing revisions on virtually every page of the 34-page Coastal Management Element (Chapter 8) and on many pages of the Overall Goals and Definitions (Chapter 2) and Conservation and Open Space Element (Chapter 9).

Amendments to the Comp Plan are offered as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report process, with staff recommending changes to the Plan with assistance from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council as a paid consultant.

Although TCRPC conducted interviews with residents and held public meetings to find out what changes citizens felt were necessary, the EAR amendments proposed thus far do not reflect citizen comments. Instead, the proposed revisions are mostly technical and virtually unintelligible with a number of legally superfluous provisions.

The EAR amendments will be presented to the County Commission in November for transmittal to the state for review. Final adoption will be sought next year – after voters decide whether to re-elect development-friendly Commissioners Doug Smith and Ed Ciampi and elect Susan Gibbs Thomas – all of whom have received campaign contributions from Rural Lifestyle project property owners and developers, planners, and engineers who benefit from overdevelopment – or to replace them with more citizen-friendly commissioners – Blake Capps, Eileen Vargas and Michael Syrkus.

In addition to the three Comp Plan Amendments, LPA members will vote Thursday on a PUD Zoning Agreement Master and Final Site Plan for a 43-lot residential development on 29.23 acres between SE Cove Road and SE Salerno Road called Pepperwood Assemblage.

The disclosure of interests affidavit identifies the realtor for the project as Reed Hartman, son and business partner of LPA member Rick Hartman.

The property owner is JAMSZ Properties, Inc., owner of a 6-acre parcel in Palm City that Ed Ciampi convinced his colleagues to purchase for more than \$4 million in County funds last year to avoid a proposed apartment project that, while in compliance with County development regulations approved by Ciampi, neighboring property owners opposed.

The LPA meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday in Martin County Commission Chambers. You can download the agenda at

<https://martin.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=39443&GUID=52FD16B4-3EEC-4E39-8581-A16495CBE3E1&Search=>

The County does not provide e-mail addresses for LPA members. If you wish to make comments regarding the agenda, e-mail staff at pschilli@martin.fl.us and cdulin@martin.fl.us. Request that your comments be presented to the LPA and copy Commissioners at comish@martin.fl.us.

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From: [Kate Miller](#)
To: [Paul Schilling](#); [Comish](#)
Subject: no amendments to the comp plan.! No sneaking amendments in over the summer!
Date: Saturday, August 10, 2024 11:24:27 AM

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The comp plan has made Martin County a paradise for those who live there. You are making it a developers' paradise. We will remember at election time. Katharine Miller, 103 River Rd, Hobe Sound, FL 33455